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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the references listed are attached hereto. Also submitted are two search reports from the U.K. Patent Office.

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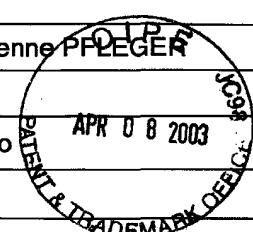
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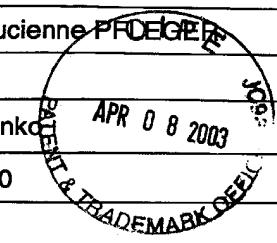
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